

The recently held Geneva conference identified several factors critical to the success of follow up work. These included:

- Generating political will to proceed;
- Developing effective implementation strategies, systems and approaches; and
- Improving coordination and information exchange.

NGOs have a critical role to play in all of these areas. As has been acknowledged, countries and NGOs have differences of opinion regarding the significance of the Programme of Action in the larger context of global and regional efforts to address problems of the misuse and proliferation of small arms. The Programme of Action was consensus based and consequently, several critical elements were left off. Follow up to the 2001 conference includes converting the Programme of Action into specific initiatives with a timetable (as was done at the regional conference in San Jose). It also includes identifying additional measures which will be pursued through other fora, for example instruments related to the regulation of small arms brokers, a framework convention to address legal transfers, a convention on marking and tracing. In addition there are a host of activities underway at the national and regional levels. Finally, the 2001 conference Program of action was predicated on the implementation of the UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime.

In order to identify Canadian expertise in this area, a survey was developed and distributed to more than 200 organizations identified by the Government of Canada as well as through directories and coalitions of NGOs. This was further supplemented by a review of the literature. Information was collected on the activities and interests of more than 70 groups and the list is continuing to grow. Information on the following organizations is included in part 2.

African Environment and Human Development Agency  
Alternatives  
Amnesty International  
Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Rights  
CANADEM  
Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police  
Canadian Association for Mine and Explosive Ordnance Security  
Canadian Centre for International Studies and Cooperation  
Canadian Centres for Teaching Peace  
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Canadian Council for International Co-Operation  
Canadian Criminal Justice Association  
Canadian Federation of University Women  
Canadian Foundation for the Americas  
Canadian Human Rights Foundation  
Canadian Institute for Conflict Resolution  
Canadian Institute of International Affairs  
Canadian Lawyers Association for International Human Rights  
Canadian Peacebuilding Coordination Committee